



News Highlights Jan. 18-24, 2013

Salisbury Post

Pop star Justin Bieber rocks photo shoot in Spencer, eats in Salisbury

Justin Bieber, one of the biggest pop stars on the planet, was in Rowan County over the holiday weekend doing a *Teen Vogue* photo shoot at the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer and chowing down at Salisbury's Waffle House. The state historic site was closed to the public for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, but in three hours the pop singer and his film crew fired a shot there that was heard 'round the world. The event was a viral sensation and gave the NCTM great exposure. Read the original *Salisbury Post* article [here](#). Read the *AP* story [here](#).

Scott McCreery Daily

Scotty McCreery Exhibit at the Museum of the Albemarle

In 2011 Garner native Scotty McCreery became the youngest male and the first country music singer to win on the hit TV series "American Idol." An exhibit displayed last year at the N.C. Museum of History is now at the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, where his grandmother lives. The outfit McCreery wore during his final duet with Tim McGraw is among objects displayed in a free exhibit. See that outfit and read more [here](#).

News14 Carolina

Mentions in new movie Lincoln draw crowds for the anniversary of the Battle at Fort Fisher

Hundreds swarmed to an event celebrating the 148th anniversary of the Battle at Fort Fisher Saturday. While the Civil War fort's visitation usually ranks high among state historic sites, this year's annual re-enactment drew even more people, thanks to the award-nominated movie "Lincoln" and to a historical marker dedication ceremony. Read more and see a dedication photo [here](#).

Hickory Record

Fort Dobbs clears hurdle to building structure

On her last day in office, Gov. Bev Perdue signed the lease for the state-owned property of Fort Dobbs State Historic Site over to the Friends of Fort Dobbs (the nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the site) for three years. The Friends group can now hire a construction company to begin recreating the early colonial-era fort immediately. No structure, save for the visitor's center, has stood at the Statesville site in more than 200 years. Read more [here](#).

WECT-TV

[USNA Midshipmen step in to help protect historic site from erosion](#)

Erosion is threatening a precious piece of history -- Brunswick Town and Fort Anderson historic site -- so the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has sent for reinforcements. The Civil War fort is considered the best-preserved earthen fortification in the nation, but erosion is slowly uncovering a historic wharf once protected by marshlands. Midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy spent a day evaluating the historic site as a part of their senior project, and they'll be offering recommendations later on how to prevent further damage. Read more and see a video clip [here](#).

The Sampson Independent

[Arts Council's subgrants help bring life to the arts](#)

Several different organizations around Sampson County are reaping the rewards of applying for the Sampson Arts Council's Grassroot subgrants to develop projects that benefit citizens countywide while promoting the arts. The source grant is from the N.C. Arts Council, which has provided access to quality arts experiences through its Grassroots Arts Program since 1977, using population-based formulas to promote the arts in all 100 counties. Read more and see photos [here](#).

The (Asheboro) Courier-Tribune

[12th annual African American Cultural Celebration](#)

When the nationally known Winston-Salem State University Burke Singers lift their voices to open the 12th annual African American Cultural Celebration, the female a capella group will captivate visitors at the N.C. Museum of History. The outstanding quality and variety of more than 75 presenters will astound attendees at this free festival Saturday, Jan. 26. This year's theme for the statewide kickoff to Black History Month is "Defining Freedom," honoring the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Read more and see a photo [here](#).

Sanford Herald

[NC Symphony making Valentine's Day visit to Sanford](#)

Lee County residents looking for a classy Valentine's date -- or at least some classical music -- can buy tickets to the North Carolina Symphony concert Feb. 14 in Sanford. The show will feature a variety of composers and musical styles, preceded by a special program exploring the evening's selections. Martha Oldham, a longtime classical music fan and local volunteer, noted that not every state has a symphony and North Carolina residents shouldn't take this asset for granted. Read more [here](#).

USA Today

[State-by-State: North Carolina](#)

In the State-by-State national news briefs for Jan. 18 on page 4A, the item for North Carolina reads "Edenton: The state Department of Cultural Resources has identified what is believed to be the oldest house in the state, a 1 ½ -story structure that dates to 1718 or 1719, based on a study of the tree rings in its timbers."